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SENATOR NEWELL: Totally?

SENATOR LAMB: Only on the land on which the farmer farms, he is a bona fide farmer on that piece of land.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, not a landowner but farmer?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, bona fide as defined by Senator Labeledz in the committee amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, let me ask you this question then. Presently the arrangement is half if...you pay for half the cost of the upland stamp if you own the farm, is that correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Presently, if you reside on that particular piece of land. In other words, if you farm a half a mile away, then you have to buy the regular permit. This would allow a method by which the farmer can hunt on land which he farms, is a bona fide farmer under the definition, but is not contiguous to the actual place where he lives.

SENATOR NEWELL: So he can farm on something 20 miles away or 50 miles away, he can hunt on that without buying an upland stamp?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, and, of course, there are not very many that farm more than just a few miles away, but if there is a question about enforcement and that was the problem that the Game Commission originally had, then we did put in this language which you will notice on the Journal.

SENATOR NEWELL: Right, I understood the language. Let me ask you the question I originally asked one more time, presently they have to pay half the cost, isn't that correct or not?

SENATOR LAMB: Not if they are contiguous land.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: We are only changing the contiguous part of it. Under the amendment I am offering you just don't...contiguous doesn't mean anything. In other words you can farm a piece...

SENATOR NEWELL: Any ground that you may farm no matter where it lies...

SENATOR LAMB: Right, if you are a bona fide farmer or rancher.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, and not a landowner.